

HOUSE BILL 2099
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4,
relative to funds received under the attorneys general
master tobacco settlement agreement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee health care
trust act."

(b) There is hereby established within the state treasury a special trust fund to be
known as the "Tennessee health care trust".

(c) Funds in the Tennessee health care trust established by this act shall be
invested by the state treasurer pursuant to policy guidelines, established by resolution of
the funding board established by § 9-9-101, within the laws, guidelines and policies
which govern investments of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system.

(d) All funds received by the state of Tennessee under the attorneys general
master tobacco settlement agreement shall be deposited in the Tennessee health care
trust. Such payments shall constitute the principal of the trust and shall not be expended

or appropriated for any purpose nor shall any portion of such principal be proposed or recommended by the governor for expenditure in the budget document, appropriations bill, or otherwise.

(e) Reasonable and necessary expenses of administration of the Tennessee health care trust may be paid from interest or income received on the principal of the trust. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, any other expenditure of interest or income from the principal of the trust must be made through specific appropriations within the general appropriations act each year and must be made exclusively for the purpose of providing disease prevention, treatment and education services for those segments of the state's population that are medically underserved or adversely affected by usage of tobacco.

(f) The state treasurer is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to perform the state treasurer's responsibilities under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.